ID) me total value of imports made from the following three companies individually: (i) Marktec Micro Technologies. Inc., (iii) Ironies; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the \items imported from these companies were not manufactured or dealt with by these companies earlier?

THE MINISTER. OF STEEL. AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHMGE OS* THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Total value import sanctioned for the C-DOT project is Rs. 20 crores in foreign exchange:

(b) Total value of imports mate from the three companies ares stated below:

		US Dollars
Marktec USA	USA .	50.636
Mjcrp Technologies Inc		71,970
Ironies USA ~.		

The total value of imports from the three . companies comes to about Rs.' 28.2 lakhs in foreign exchange at the exchange rate prevalent at the time of import.

(c) The items imported from these companies were either manufactured br dealt with by these companies earlier.

Withdrawal cases related to purchase of Czech pistols 233. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased fo state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases launched by Government against some officials Serf the Ministry in the purchase of Czech pistols have been withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether any senior member of the Cabinet was found involved in this case?

THE MINISTER OF HOMI AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Si*

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) CBI is still continuing' invest* gation.

Loss to ship owners due to holding of Cargo Ships at ports

234. SHRl KAMAL MORARKA; Will the Minister of SURFACI TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a> whether it is a fact that Carg< Ships are being held up at the pott due to shortage of certificated offices consequently increasing snlp-owMMa operating coste;

(b> if so, what fe the quantum o losses being incurred by them oft tibi account; and

(e) what remedial measures as being taken by Government to remon the anomally

THE MINISTER OF SURFACJ TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY *O.* COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. 1 UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Th Indian National Shipowners Associ tion has estimated the total number of ships days lost by Indian sMl owners for want of certificate officers to be around 335 during tit period, from July, 1989 to January 1990. They have also estimated th! the average loss per ship day to account of standing charges is aroui Rs. I lakh.

(c) The following important rem dial measures have (been taken 1 Government to ameliorate the shor age of certificated officers'.

(1) Intake of cadets for trains in pre-sea training institutions vi T.S. "Rajendra" for Nautical Office and D.M.E.T. for Engineer Office has been increased to their ft capacity from 1988 onwards.

(2) Special Scheme for training Science and Engineering Graduates . as Nautical Officers has been sanctioned to the Shipping Corporation of lndia.

(3) Indian Shipping Companies have been advised to consider re-cruiting and training Graduates Engineers.

(4) Indian shipping companies are permitted to take direct entry deck apprentices and workshop trained apprentices.

(5) Issue of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) has been restricted to officers who want to join an Indian ship, CDC will be refused to those who initially desire to join a foreign flag vessel except in those cases where the officers have been trained by the agency companies at their cost.

(6) The Director General of Ship-ping has given special dispensation dfor temporary period in. appropriate cases from rules/STCW Convention I which prescribe statutory manning T 'requirements.

f"- (?) Shipping companies have been given special dispensation by Per mitting them to employ officers above the age of 60 years subject to their medical fitness for sea service, fcr a period of 6 months which could be extended, subject to a maximum limit of 62 years.

Cancellation of supply of lines on C-DOT technology

235. SHRl KKMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earlier (orders placed for supply of lines on P-DOT technology have been cancelled;

(b) whether any plans have been Initiated to produce these lines from Indigenous sources; and

Cc) if so, what are the .. details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OP THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI); (a)l No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sactioning of telephones to retiring Government officials

236. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is provision under the extant rules for sanctioning of telephones to retiring Government officials under some special category; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central/State Government Officers, who retire from service and were drawing a basic pay of Rs. 3700/- per month or mor$_e$ for at least one year prior to retirement are eligible for registration of the application for a telephone con. nection under NON-OYT-SS category. Telephone connections against NON-OYT-SS category are provided to such officers according to the wati-ing list.

Deterioration of DAC services

237. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a)' whether it is a fact that the DTC services on route Nos. 71, 72, 47 and 313 have seriously deteriorated for the last three years; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what were the number of DTC buses and also private buses under DTC operation which were plying' on each of these routes during the last